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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

TO USIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE

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SUBJ: CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT: IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS - EXHIBITS

REF: STATE 269090

1. WE BELIEVE THAT "EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND RECIPROCAL BASIS" FORMULA IS SUFFICIENT TO RESOLVE PROBLEM AND WILL RESERVE IT AS FINAL FALL BACK POSITION PURSUANT PARA 5 REFTEL. OUR OPENING POSITION REMAINS THE "REIMBURSEMENT FORMULA" WITH COUNCIL AS "REIMBURSEE", HOWEVER WE REMAIN DOUBTFUL THAT MINISTRY OF FINANCE WILL COME FORTH WITH OPINION WHICH WILL PERMIT ITS APPLICATION. WE HAVE NOTED THAT ROMANIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON NOT ACCEPTABLE AS "REIMBURSEE" IN PLACE OF COUNCIL IN VARIANT OF FORMULA REPORTED REFTEL, PARA 6 AND HAVE DROPPED THIS FROM OUR SHORT LIST OF POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THIS PROBLEM. (FYI: THIS VARIANT WAS NEVER DISCUSSED WITH GOR. END FYI.)

2. WE SHALL CONTINUE OUR SEARCH FOR MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE VARIANTS ALLUDED TO IN PARA 5 REFTEL, HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT HOPEFUL THAT ANY WILL SPRING FORTH IN NEXT FEW DAYS SINCE THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF EXHAUSTIVE CONSIDERATION BY EMBASSY AND USIA FOR MANY MONTHS. THE "REIMBURSEMENT FORMULA" IS CLOSEST WE HAVE COME TO SOLUTION ON OUR SIDE WHILE GOR HAS REMAINED ESSENTIALLY INFLEXIBLE ON ISSUE.

3. EMBASSY PROPOSES TO SPELL OUT DETAILS OF "SUBJECT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MUTUAL AGREEMENT" CLAUSE IN LETTER FROM PAO TO ILEASA WHICH WILL

STRESS CONDITIONS NOTED REFTTEL PARA 3.

4. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE FLEXIBILITY GRANTED ON THIS ISSUE.
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